

51. A method of expressing a transcript in a cell, the method comprising introducing a viral expression vector into the cell, the expression vector including:

a transcriptional start site;

a nucleic acid sequence operably linked to the transcriptional start site, the nucleic acid sequence encoding the transcript;

a promoter operably linked to the transcriptional start site; and

an enhancer operably linked to the promoter, the enhancer having a nucleotide sequence of SEQ. ID NO:1 or its complement.

52. The method of claim 51, wherein the promoter drives transcription of an mRNA.

53. The method of claim 51, wherein the promoter is a  $\zeta$ -promoter.

54. The method of claim 51, wherein the nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO:2 or its complement.

55. The method of claim 54, wherein the promoter is a  $\zeta$ -promoter.

56. The method of claim 51, wherein the nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO:3 or its complement.

57. The method of claim 56, wherein the promoter is a  $\zeta$ -promoter.

58. The method of claim 51, wherein the expression vector is a retroviral vector.

59. The method of claim 58, wherein the promoter is a  $\zeta$ -promoter.

60. The method of claim 58, wherein the nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO:2 or its complement.

61. The method of claim 60, wherein the promoter is a  $\zeta$ -promoter.
62. The method of claim 58, wherein the nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID NO:3 or its complement.
63. The method of claim 62, wherein the promoter is a  $\zeta$ -promoter. --

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REMARKS

This application is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/536,094, filed March 24, 2000, now allowed, which, in turn, is a divisional application of U.S. application serial no. 09/205,015, filed December 4, 1998. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-32, and added new claims 33-63, which have been rewritten according to claims 1-8 and 23-30 presented in U.S. application serial no. 09/205,015. Support for new claims 33-63 can be found in the specification, e.g., page 1, line 18 to page 4, line 16.

Applicant asks that all claims be examined. Enclosed is a \$460 check for the required fees. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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